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(57) **Abstract:** An information backup system (10) comprises a first computing system (12) including a first local disk (30) that includes a first disk driver (24). The first computing system also includes first local RAM (50), a first network interface (18) that is connected to a computer network and includes a first network driver. A first device driver/bridge (40) responsive to communications from the first network driver and the first disk drive, writes data to and reads data from the first local RAM. A second computing system (13) also includes second local RAM (51) and a second network interface (19) that is connected to the computer network and includes a second network driver. A second device driver/bridge (41) responsive to communications from the second network driver and the second disk driver, writes data to and reads data from the second local RAM.